

April 21, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 21, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 781 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 95

**OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY – STATE GOALS AND
PROCUREMENT (PROMOTING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY
RESOURCES ACT)**

Requiring an application for any new qualified offshore wind project and a certain proposal for an offshore wind transmission facility to be subject to a certain community benefit agreement; requiring the Public Service Commission to request that PJM Interconnection conduct a certain analysis of transmission system upgrade and expansion options; altering the requirements for a certain report on offshore wind projects; requiring the Commission, by a certain date each year starting in 2024, to report on its Supplier Diversity Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 224

Chapter 96

Senator Augustine, et al

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ZERO-EMISSION
MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES – REGULATIONS
(CLEAN TRUCKS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2023, establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain units of State government, to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a certain needs assessment and deployment plan on or before December 1, 2024; altering certain definitions, applicability, and preferences for purposes of the Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program; etc.

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HB 230

Chapter 97

Delegate Love, et al

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ZERO-EMISSION
MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES – REGULATIONS
(CLEAN TRUCKS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2023, establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the State; defining a “heavy-duty vehicle” as one with a gross vehicle weight rating equal to or greater than 14,001 pounds; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain units of State government, to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a certain needs assessment and deployment plan by December 1, 2024; etc.

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HB 550

Chapter 98

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY
PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS (CLEAN TRANSPORTATION
AND ENERGY ACT)**

Altering the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Program by extending the duration of the Program through fiscal year 2026, repealing the rebates that may be issued to retail service station dealers, and increasing the limitation on the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue in each fiscal year; altering the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program by altering the definition of “grant”; etc.

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Sincerely,

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